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SUBJ : NOMINATION OF MR. FRANKLIN N. KANU FOR HARVARD
TRADE UNION INSTITUTE PROJECT

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES MR. FRANKLIN N. KANU, GENERAL SECRETARY,
UNITED AFRICA COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATES AFRICAN WORKERS UNION,
FOR HARVARD TRADE UNION INSTITUTE PROJECT.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

NAME : FRANKLIN N. KANU

PRESENT POSITION : GENERAL SECRETARY

PAST POSITIONS : UNKNOWN

APPROXIMATE AGE : 50 YEARS

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN

PREVIOUS CITIZENSHIP: NONE

TRAVEL TO US : NONE

OTHER COUNTRIES: DAKAR, SENEGAL- AUGUST 1964 TO ATTEND
CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN CONFEDERATION OF
COMMERCIAL WORKERS.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

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ESCORT SERVICES : NOT REQUIRED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASON FOR NOMINATION: MR. KANU HAS DEVELOPED REPUTATION AS KEEN
TRADE UNIONIST, IS RESPECTED BY THE UAC
MANAGEMENT HIS NEGOTIATING ABILITIES AND BY
FELLOW TRADE UNIONISTS AS HARDWORKING AND
RELATIVELY HONEST UNION LEADER. ALTHOUGH
QUIET BY NATURE HE APPEARS TO HAVE GROWING
INFLUENCE WITHIN UNITED LABOR CONGRESS, TO
WHICH HIS UNION RECENTLY AFFILIATED, AND HAS
BEEN MENTIONED AS ASSUMING POSSIBLE ULC
ROLE IN THE FUTURE. PARTICIPATION IN HARVARD
PROGRAM SHOULD HELP BROADEN HIS KNOWLEDGE
OF TRADE UNION AFFAIRS AND BETTER PREPARE
HIM TO PLAY AN EVEN MORE INFLUENTIAL ROLE
IN ULC AFFAIRS.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: TO STRENGTHEN THE LEADERSHIP RANKS OF THE
MODERATE TRADE UNIONS, AND HELP DEVELOP UNION
LEADERS WITH BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ROLES OF TRADE UNIONS IN
MODERN, AS WELL AS IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIES.
EXPOSURE OF KANU TO THE U.S. SCENE SHOULD GIVE HIM
BETTER APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN TRADE UNION
MOVEMENT.

ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR US PROGRAM: SPRING
1974 SESSION OF HARVARD TRADE UNION PROGRAM.

EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY APPROVAL OF THIS
NOMINATION.

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